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VINYL POLYMERS**

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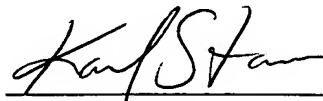
**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND PRIORITY REQUEST**

Sir:

This preliminary amendment is filed along with the filing of a non-provisional patent application transmittal form. This patent application claims the benefit of the earlier filing date of prior filed co-pending provisional application Serial Number 60/462,104 filed on April 11, 2003 under 37 CFR 1.78(a)(4).

**Amendments to the Specification** begin on page 2 of this paper.

Respectfully submitted,



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